



# **COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA**

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## **FEMA-1491-DR-VA**

### **Commonwealth Situation Report #47**

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#### **1. Situation**

Hurricane Isabel entered Virginia September 18 after making landfall along the North Carolina Outer Banks. The Commonwealth sustained winds near 100 mph and tropical storm winds for 29 hours. The hurricane produced storm surge of 5 to 8 feet along the coast and in the Chesapeake Bay with rainfall totals between 2 to 11 inches along its track. Damages due to wind, rain, and storm surge resulted in flooding, electrical outages, debris, transportation interruption, and damaged homes and businesses. At the height of the incident approximately 6,000 residents were housed in 134 shelters and curfews were imposed in many jurisdictions. Further damages occurred when a series of thunderstorms and tornados came through many of the designated areas in the southeast portion of Virginia on September 23.

Governor Mark R. Warner declared a State of Emergency in the Commonwealth on September 15, 2003. Governor Warner requested, and a Major Presidential Disaster Declaration (FEMA-1491-DR-VA) was granted to Virginia on September 18, 2003. FEMA closed the incident period effective October 1, 2003. A total of 36 confirmed deaths to date. Effective January 9, 2004, the US Homeland Security advisory level and the Virginia threat advisory level were lowered from orange (high) to yellow (elevated).

#### **2. Current State/Federal Priorities and Objectives**

- ☐ Continue external affairs strategy that will proactively manage public expectations through targeted media releases, appropriate staffing of public meetings, and support of all recovery program elements.
- ☐ Continue working with Hazard Mitigation Grant Program applicants.

#### **3. Recovery Activities**

##### **A. Human Services:**

##### **i. Teleregistrations**

- ☐ New teleregistrations since last reporting period amount to **204** for a total of **93,189** registrations at COB **February 9**.
- ☐ Although the registration period was terminated COB December 8, individuals with extenuating circumstances can still register for FEMA assistance by calling 1-800-621-FEMA or TTY 1-800-462-7585 for the speech or hearing impaired. Lines are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

ii. **Small Business Administration (as of COB 2/9/04)**

	Issued	Received	#Approved	\$ Approved	Declined	Withdrawn	Pending
<b>Home</b>	52,303	<b><i>6,991</i></b>	<b><i>2,702</i></b>	<b><i>\$57,795,000</i></b>	<b><i>3,404</i></b>	<b><i>880</i></b>	<b><i>5</i></b>
<b>Business</b>	10,099	<b><i>1,024</i></b>	<b><i>282</i></b>	<b><i>\$15,258,100</i></b>	<b><i>496</i></b>	<b><i>241</i></b>	<b><i>5</i></b>
<b>EIDL</b>	N/A	<b><i>1,072</i></b>	<b><i>176</i></b>	<b><i>\$3,584,600</i></b>	<b><i>77</i></b>	<b><i>820</i></b>	<b><i>1</i></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	62,402	<b><i>9,087</i></b>	<b><i>3,160</i></b>	<b><i>\$76,637,700</i></b>	<b><i>3,977</i></b>	<b><i>1,941</i></b>	<b><i>11</i></b>

iii. **Individuals and Households Program (IHP)**

(a) **Housing**

- ☐ Temporary housing assistance dispersed to date – ***\$32,402,568.90***
- ☐ Residential destruction included 1,186 homes reported destroyed and 9,110 with major damage, 107,908 minor damage and those ‘affected.’ Losses are estimated at \$591,622,791.
- ☐ Of the 1,470 businesses involved, 77 are reported destroyed, 333 suffered major damage and 1,060 businesses suffered minor or casual damage. Estimated losses amount to \$84,143,356.

(b) **Travel Trailer Status as of 2/9/04**

County	Approved	On Site	Occupied	Vacated
Gloucester	85	85	84	10
Hampton	2	2	2	
James City	1	1	1	
King & Queen	3	3	3	1
Lancaster	1	1	1	
Mathews	8	8	8	2
Middlesex	1	1	1	2
Northampton	1	1	0	
Poquoson	242	242	242	<b><i>55</i></b>
Prince George	1	1	1	
Rockbridge	8	8	8	4
Suffolk	1	1	1	
York	12	11	10	<b><i>1</i></b>
<b>Total</b>	366	365	362	<b><i>75</i></b>

(c) **Other Needs Assistance (ONA)**

- ☐ Significant FEMA computer problems have adversely impacted processing of disaster claims.
- ☐ ***Transition to Department of Social Services offices following the closure of the Disaster Field Office largely complete, several problems encountered with ONA phone lines and computers.***

Amount referrals approved:	<b>\$20,262,542.46</b>
Amount referrals disbursed:	\$19,760,810.47
Total referrals received:	<b>43,279</b>
Total referrals approved:	<b>16,175</b>
Total referrals ineligible:	<b>25,127</b>
Total referrals withdrawn:	1,370
Total referrals pending:	<b>607</b>

**iv. Disaster Unemployment Assistance (as of COB 1/26/04)**

Total Claims Filed:	2,611
Approved:	2,335
Denied:	176
Amount Claims Disbursed:	\$624,724

**v. Donations Coordination**

- ☐ Calls as of COB 1/26/04 total 2,619 with 1,911 related to individual needs, 643 miscellaneous, 61 offers of donations and four calls from agencies with needs.
- ☐ Donations of goods, money and volunteer services can be made by calling the toll-free Donations Hotline at 1-877-245-5513.

**vi. Hurricane Isabel Relief Fund.**

- ☐ Fund total as of COB **2/9/04** \$29,016

**vii. Insurance Fraud Hotline**

- ☐ A total of **47** communications (as of **2/9/04**) have been received by Hotline, mail/fax and telephone by the Virginia State Police of suspected insurance fraud relative to Hurricane Isabel.

**B. Infrastructure Services:**

**i. Public Assistance Program**

- ☐ Has received 304 Requests for Public Assistance to date in the system.
- ☐ A total of **1,795 project worksheets** have been written out of a projected **1851 (97%)**, **1,487** obligated and **308** under review for a total of **\$177,834,392.70 obligated**.
- ☐ Grants were conveyed to **19 jurisdictions** during the past two weeks as indicated by bold italics in Attachment 1.
- ☐ ***Transition from the Disaster Field Office to Trade Court facility complete. Continuing to wait for installation of communications lines at South Lake facility for final office setup.***

**ii. Debris Management Liaison**

- ☐ ***Meeting with York County on February 12 regarding a ditch clearing issue.***
- ☐ ***Working with EPA to obtain close estimates of total debris generated from the disaster.***

**C. Mitigation**

- ☐ No new issues.

**D. Legislative Liaison:**

- ☐ No new issues.

**E. Public Affairs**

- ☐ No new press releases issued.

**F. Disaster Recovery Task Forces**

- i. State Coordinator for Local Disaster Recovery Task Forces (LDRTF)
  - ☐ No new issues

**G. State Coordinating Officer (SCO)**

- ☐ *SCO and other staff will be attending the National Hurricane Conference.*
- ☐ *Numerous other speaking engagements being requested for Isabel-related presentations.*

**Authority of Michael M. Cline, State Coordinator**

/s/ Harry E. Colestock III, Deputy State Coordinating Officer

## Attachment 1

### Public Assistance Grants Conveyed to Jurisdictions As of February 9

A & N Electric Coop  
**Abingdon Volunteer Fire Department**  
**Accomack County**  
Albemarle County  
Alberta, Town  
Aldie Vol. Fire Dept.  
Amelia County  
Amherst County  
Appomattox County  
Appomattox, Town  
Arlington County  
Ashland, Town  
**Augusta County**  
Augusta County Service Authority  
Berryville, Town  
Blackstone, Town  
Bowling Green, Town  
Boydton, Town  
Bridgewater, Town  
Brunswick County  
Buckingham County  
Burkeville, Town  
Campbell County  
Cape Charles, Town  
Capital Region Airport Authority  
**Caroline County**  
Central Virginia Electric Coop  
Charles City County  
Charlotte County  
Chesapeake Hospital Authority  
Chesapeake, City  
Chesterfield County  
Chincoteague, Town  
Claremont, Town  
Clarksville, Town  
Colonial Beach, Town  
Colonial Heights, City  
Community Electric Coop  
**Community Memorial Health Center**  
Community Residence, Inc.  
Crewe, Town  
Culpeper, Town  
Cumberland County  
Danville, City  
**Dendron Volunteer Fire Department**  
Dinwiddie County Water Authority  
Dumfries, Town  
Eastern Shore Area on Aging  
Eastern Shore Community Services Board  
Elkton, Town  
Emporia, City  
Essex County  
**Exmore, Town**  
**Fairfax County**  
Fairfax Co. Public Schools  
Fairfax, City  
Falls Church City  
Farmville, Town  
Fauquier County  
Franklin, City  
**Frederick County**  
Fredericksburg, City  
Front Royal, Town  
**Gloucester County**  
Goochland County  
Gordonsville, Town  
Greene County Public Schools

Greensville County  
Grottoes, Town  
Hampton, City  
Hampton Roads Sanitation District  
Hanover County  
Hanover County Public Schools  
Harrisonburg, City  
Henrico County  
Herndon, Town  
Hopewell, City  
Isle of Wight County  
James City County  
Jamestown/Yorktown Foundation  
Kenbridge, Town  
Keysville, Town  
King & Queen County  
King George County  
King William County  
**Lake of the Woods Volunteer Fire & Rescue Dept.**  
Lancaster County  
Lawrenceville, Town  
Leesburg, Town  
Longwood University  
Loudoun County  
Louisa County  
Lunenburg County  
Luray, Town  
Lynchburg, City  
Madison County  
Manassas, City  
Mathews County  
Mathews County Electric Coop  
Mathews, Town  
McKenney, Town  
Mecklenberg Elec. Coop  
Mecklenburg County  
Middleburg, Town  
Middlesex County  
Mt. Jackson, Town  
New Kent County  
Newport News, City  
Newport News City School Board  
Norfolk Airport Authority  
Norfolk, City  
Norfolk Redevelop. & Housing Authority  
Northampton County  
Northern Neck Elec. Coop  
Northern Virginia Elec. Coop  
Northumberland County  
Nottoway County  
Nottoway County Emergency Squad, Inc.  
**Old Dominion University**  
Onancock, Town  
Onley, Town  
Orange County  
**Orange County Rescue Squad**  
Orange, Town  
Page County  
Page County Public Schools  
Pamunkey Indian Reservation  
Pamunkey Regional Jail  
Pathway Homes, Inc.  
Petersburg, City  
Piedmont Soil & Water Cons. Dist.  
Pittsylvania County  
Poquoson City Public Schools  
Poquoson, City

Portsmouth, City  
**Portsmouth Industrial Development Authority**  
Powhatan County  
Prince Edward County  
Prince George County  
Prince George Elec. Coop.  
Prince William County  
Rapidan Service Authority  
Rappahannock County  
Rappahannock Electric Coop  
Richmond, City  
Richmond City Public Schools  
**Richmond County**  
Rockbridge County  
Rockingham County  
Round Hill, Town  
**Science Museum of Virginia**  
Shenandoah County  
Shenandoah, Town  
Smithfield, Town  
South Boston, Town  
South Hill, Town  
Southampton County  
Southside Electric Coop  
Spotsylvania County  
St. Joseph's Villa  
Stafford County  
Stanley, Town  
Staunton, City  
Strasburg, Town  
Suffolk, City  
Suffolk Redevelop. & Housing Authority  
Surry County  
Sussex County  
Sussex Service Authority  
Tangier, Town  
Tappanannock, Town  
**University of Virginia**  
Urbanna, Town  
Victoria, Town  
Vienna, Town  
Virginia Beach, City  
Virginia Dept. of Agriculture  
**Virginia Dept. of Aging**  
Virginia Dept of Conserv. & Rec  
Virginia Dept of Emergency Mgmt  
Virginia Dept of Health  
Virginia Dept of Transportation  
Virginia Dept. of Forestry  
Virginia Dept. of Game & Inland Fisheries  
Virginia Dept. of Motor Vehicles  
Virginia Dept. of Rehab. Services  
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University  
Virginia State Climatology Office  
**Wachapreague, Town**  
Warren County  
Warrenton, Town  
Warsaw, Town  
Waynesboro, City  
West Point, Town  
Westmoreland County  
White Stone, Town  
Williamsburg, City  
Windsor, Town  
York County